

PASSOVER SEDER

Reader 1: Let us prepare our hearts for the Passover Seder. We must consider ourselves as having personally been freed from Egypt. As we prepare for this experience of personal redemption, let us take the leaven of sin hidden within our hearts far away from us.

HAGGADAH (hah-gah-dah) means "the Telling" Seder means "order"

Exodus 12:11 You will eat אֹתוֹ *it (him) with your loin's girded (belt), your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you will eat אֹתוֹ it (him) quickly, it is to לִיהוּה Passover. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, *both* man and beast; and I will execute against all the gods of Egypt judgment: I *am* יְהוּה. **13** And the blood will be לָאֵת *a sign* upon the houses where אַתֶּם *you are:* and when I see אֶת־ blood, I will pass over you and the plague will not *come* upon *you* to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. **14** And this day will be a memorial *for you;* and you will keep it as a feast to לִיהוּה throughout *all* your generations; you will keep *this* feast *as* an ordinance forever. **15** Seven days you will eat unleavened bread; on the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses: whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day will be cut off from Israel. **16** And on the first day *there will be* a sacred assembly and on the seventh day there will be a sacred assembly for you; no work will be done in *those days,* except *that* which every man must *do to prepare his food to* eat, you may only do that. **17** And you will observe אֶת־ Unleavened Bread; for in this day I have brought אֶת־ your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore, you will observe אֶת־ day, in *all* your generations *by* an ordinance forever (*owlam*). **18** In the first *month,* on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you will eat unleavened bread until the twenty first day of the month at evening. **19** Seven days no leaven will be found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened will be cut off from the Congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. **20** You will eat nothing leavened; in all your houses you will eat unleavened bread.*

Blessed are You, YHUH our Elohim, King of the universe, who chose us from all the people of the earth and has exalted us among all nations, by making us set apart with His commandments.

Reader 2: One of Yahshua's last earthly acts was the celebration of the Passover. Gathering His disciples in a small room in Jerusalem, Yahshua led them in a Seder.

Luke 2:11 And you shall say unto the good man of the house, "The Master said unto you, 'Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples?'" **12** And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. **13** And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover. **14** And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. **15** And he said unto them, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

It was there, in the context of this celebration that Yahshua revealed to them the mystery of YHUH's plan of redemption. May we experience once again YHUH's great redemption.

Blessed are You, YHUH our Elohim, King of the universe, who Has given us life and brought us to this happy season, and we thank Thee for sustaining us all to this day.

Reader 3: Light the candles

As we kindle the festival lights, we pray for the illumination of the Spirit of YHUH to bring great personal meaning to this our Passover celebration.

Psalm 27:1 יהוה is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? יהוה is the strength of my life; of who shall I be afraid?

Blessed are You, YHUH our Elohim, King of the Universe, who has sent Thy Son, Thine Only Son, Yahshua the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our Passover Lamb, that through him we might have eternal life.

Exodus 6:1 Then יהוה said to Moses, now will you see what I will do to Pharaoh: with a strong hand will he let them go and with a strong hand will he drive them out of his land.

As YHUH spoke these words of encouragement to Moses, YHUH revealed to His servant the plan by which He would redeem the children of Israel.

Exodus 6:6 Go say to *the* Children of Israel, I am יהוה and I will bring אֶתְכֶם *you* out from under the burdens of the Egyptians and I will *take* אֶתְכֶם *you* out of their bondage and I will redeem אֶתְכֶם *you* with a stretched out arm and with great judgments: 7 And I will take אֶתְכֶם *you* to Me for a people and I will be to you an Elohim: and אֶתְכֶם *you* will know that I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Reader 4: The Cup of Sanctification

(Lift your cup of wine.) Let us lift our cup together and bless the Name of YHUUH! **Blessed are You, YHUUH our Elohim, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.**

Luke 22:17 And Yahshua took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, **Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18** For I say unto you, **I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come.**

Let us drink.

(Wait until everyone drinks.)

Reader 5:

Psalm 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of יהוה? **And who shall stand in His holy place? 4** He that has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully. **5** He shall receive a blessing מֵאֵת *from* יהוה and righteousness from the Elohim of his salvation.

(Lift the basin of water.) Let us now offer the bowl of water to one another and share in this hand washing ceremony. Let us also reflect upon the gesture of humility and the lesson of commitment made by Yahshua, when, on the night, He laid aside His garments and girded Himself with a towel.

John 13:4 Yahshua rose from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and wrapped himself. **5** After that he pours water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel that he was wrapped. **12** So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, **"Do you know what I have done to you? 13** You call me Teacher and Master: and rightly so; for so I am. **14** If I then, your Teacher and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." **(Wash your hands and dry them on your napkin. Pass the bowl of water.)**

(Wait until all have washed their hands.)

Reader 6:

Exodus 2:23 And it came to pass in *the* process of time that the King of Egypt died: and *the* Children of Israel groaned *under* their bondage and they cried and their cry came up to Elohim *because* of their bondage. **24** And heard, Elohim ׀תָּ their groaning and remembered Elohim ׀תָּ His covenant *with* ׀תָּ Abraham, *with* ׀תָּ Isaac ׀תָּ and *with* Jacob. **25** And seeing Elohim ׀תָּ Children of Israel, Elohim took notice of them.

(Lift up the parsley.) Passover is a holiday that comes in the springtime, when the earth is becoming green with life. This vegetable, called Karpas (kahR-pahs), represents life Created, and sustained by the Almighty YHUH. **(Take a piece of parsley and pass the parsley.)**

(Lift up the salt water.) But life in Egypt for the children of Israel was a life of pain, suffering, and tears, represented by this salt water. Let us take a sprig of parsley and dip it into the salt water, remembering that life is sometimes immersed in tears. **(Dip your parsley but do not eat it. Pass the salt water. Wait until all have dipped the parsley in salt water.)**

Blessed are You, YHUH King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the earth. Now let us eat together the Karpas

Reader 7: On all other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on Passover we eat only Matzah, unleavened bread. As the children of Israel fled from Egypt, They did not have time for their dough to rise. Instead, the hot desert sun baked it flat. But even more than that, the scriptures teach us that leaven symbolizes sin.

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Mashiach our Passover is sacrificed for us: During this season of Passover, let us break our old habits of sin and selfishness and begin a fresh, new, and set apart life.

(Lift the plate which contains the Matzah.) This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need share in the hope of Passover. **(Pass the Matzah, but do not eat it. Wait unless everyone has a piece.)**

In the Matzah we can see a picture of Yahshua.

See it is striped. **Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.**

See how the Matzah is pierced. **Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the House of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look to Me $\pi\chi$ whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for *his* only son and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.**

John 6:35 And Yahshua said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst. Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Blessed are You, YHUUH, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. (Take a small bite of the Matzah.)

Reader 8: (Lift the better herbs.) On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on Passover we eat only bitter herbs. As sweet as our lives are today, let us still remember how bitter life was for the children of Israel in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 1:11 Therefore, they set over them taskmasters to afflict אתו *them (him)* with their burdens. And they built treasure cities for Pharaoh את־פִּתּוֹם *Pithom* and Raamses. **12** But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And *the Egyptians* were grieved because of *the Children of Israel*. **13** And made the Egyptians את־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל Children of Israel labor rigorously: **14** And they made bitter את־חַיַּתָּם their lives with hard bondage, in mortar and in brick and in all *manner of* service in the field: את־כָּל עֲמַלְתָּם all their service, which they made them serve, *was* with cruelty.

(Put bitter herbs on your Matzah, but do not eat. Pass the bitter herbs.) As we scoop bitter herbs onto a piece of Matzah, let us allow the bitter taste to cause us to shed tears of compassion for the sorrow that our ancestors knew thousands of years ago. **(Wait for everyone to prepare the bitter herbs.)**

Blessed are You, YHUH, King of the universe, who has set us apart by Your Word and commanded us to eat bitter herbs

(Everyone eats.)

Reader 9: The children of Israel toiled to make treasure cities for Pharaoh, working in brick and clay. Let us once again scoop some bitter herbs onto a small piece of Matzah. But this time, before we eat, let us dip the herbs into the sweet Kharoset (HAROSETH). We dip the bitter herbs into Kharoset to remind ourselves that even the most bitter of circumstances can be sweetened by the hope we have in YHUH. **(Put the Kharoset on the Matzah. Pass the Kharoset. Eat the Kharoset.)**

(Wait until everyone eats the Kharoset.) Mark 14:18 And as they sat and ate, Yahshua said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eats with me shall betray me. 19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? 20 And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dips with me in the dish.

The children of Israel were instructed to eat the Passover in haste, their loins girded, and their staffs in their hands, their sandals upon their feet, awaiting departure from the bondage of Egypt. Today we all may recline and freely enjoy the Passover Seder.

Matt 11:28 Yahshua said, Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are You, YHUH, King of the universe, who has given us rest through Yahshua our Messiah.

William 10: This roasted lamb represents the lamb whose blood marked the houses of the children of Israel, signifying their obedience to YHUH's command.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Yahshua coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which takes away the sin of the world.

Exodus 12:3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel saying, In the tenth *day* of this month every man will take a lamb according to house of their אבות *fathers*, a lamb for *each* house: **5** Your *animal should* be without blemish, a one year old male: you can take it from the sheep or goats: **6** And you will keep *it* until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will kill אֹתוֹ *it (him)* in the evening. **7** And they will take the blood and *smear it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat אֹתוֹ *it (him)*. **8** And they will eat אֶת־הַבָּשָׂר the flesh that night roast *it* with fire and *eat it with* unleavened bread *and bitter herbs*. **11** You will eat אֹתוֹ *it (him)* with your loin's girded (*belt*), your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you will eat אֹתוֹ *it (him)* quickly, it is to ליהוה Passover. **13** And the blood will be לְאֵת a sign upon the houses where אַתֶּם *you are*: and when I see דַּם־אֲדָמָה blood, I will pass over you and the plague will not come upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The blood of Yahshua over your body is a sign, and when YHUH sees the blood He gives you life not death.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Ruach haKodesh has made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Elohim, which He has purchased with His own blood.

Romans 3:25 Who Elohim has set forth to be a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Elohim; **26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believes in Yahshua.

How great is YHUH's goodness to us! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness we declare, "It would have been sufficient." If YHUH had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians, "It would have been sufficient." YHUH had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea, "It would have been sufficient." If YHUH had only drowned our enemies, but had not fed us with manna, "It would have been sufficient." If YHUH had only led us through the desert, but had not given us the Shabbat, "It would have been sufficient." But YHUH, blessed be He, provided all of these blessings for our ancestors and not only these, but so many more.

Philippians 4:19 But my Elohim shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Mashiach Yahshua.

Blessed are You, O YHUH, for You have in mercy supplied all our needs. You have given us Yahshua, forgiveness for sin, life abundant, and life everlasting, Halleluiah!

Prayer of Thanksgiving to YHUH

Give Thanks for the meal

Eat Meal

After Meal:

Reader 1: The Cup of Redemption

This is the cup of redemption, symbolizing the Blood of the Passover lamb. It was the cup "after supper" with which Yahshua identified Himself. The Prophet Isaiah reminds us in **Isaiah 59:1 Surely יהוה hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear. 16 And He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore, His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness, it upheld Him.**

Yahshua lifted the cup saying, **Luke 22:20 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you.**

Just as the blood of the lamb brought salvation in Egypt, so Yahshua's redeeming death can bring salvation to all who believe.

Blessed are You, YHUH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Let's all drink and remember Yahshua's Blood flowed for us. **(Pass the Communion Cup.)**

Before the birth of John the Baptizer, an angel of YHUH said. **(Luke 1:17)**
17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for יהוה.

Later Yahshua spoke of John. **Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptizer until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied until John. 14 And if you will receive it, this is Eliajah, which was for to come. 15 He that has ears to hear, let him hear.**

It was this same John who saw Yahshua and declared. **John 1:29 The next day John saw Yahshua coming to him, and said, Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which takes away the sins of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John gave testimony, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Ruach haKodesh. 34 And I saw, and gave testimony that this is the Son of Elohim.**

Our Passover Seder is now complete. May we always remember the sacrifice Yahshua made for us.

Everyone says: "Next year in Jerusalem."

Kharoset Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 granny smith apple
- 2 gala apples
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped walnuts
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ Tablespoons raw honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
- 3-4 Tablespoon sweet Kosher red wine
- Dash of nutmeg
- Dash of clove
- Raw sugar, to sweeten

Instructions

1. Peel apples.
2. Dice apples into tiny pieces.
3. Place diced apple in a large bowl.
4. Stir in remaining ingredients, except the raw sugar.
5. Taste and add raw sugar to further sweeten.
6. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour

~TIPS~ Use a variety of apples. Add in different nuts if desired. Omit the raw sugar if desired, but it really adds a nice taste.